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| Applicants: | Markus Haller et al. | Examiner: | B. Prieto |
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RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The instant Response is lodged in response to the non-final Office Action mailed 9 May 2006 which set a three-month period for reply expiring on 9 August 2006. This Response is tendered in advance of the expiration of said period for reply.

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